

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 1986, AT 7:00 P.M.
IN H-333-6, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-55-D1: Motion Re McGill Students' Society/McGill Association of
University Teachers Brief to the Parliamentary Commission

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairperson John Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30 without quorum.
There were no objections to proceeding with the informational aspects of
the Agenda.

PRESENT:

Co Presidents:

Karen Takacs
Scott White

Commerce:

Scott Bergen

Engineering:

Jon Jolivet

Arts and Science:

Maria Calderone
Glen Cheverie
Jim Locke (7:35)
Linda Piovesan
Bettina Rosenberg
Emma Tibaldo (8:30)

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Joe Fortune, Mike Foster, Scott Townsend
Commerce: Karen Ashton, Tony Ghannamy
Engineering: Dan Artola (W/R)
Fine Arts: Ian Fleet, Francois Gurik (W/R), Keren Penney (W/R)

Advisors to the Board Present: Alexander Ciocilteu, Judicial Board
Chairperson, Cherine Hamam, Programming V.P.; Susan Hunt, Student Life
V.P.; Craig McNamee, Finance V.P.; Scott Robertson, Education V.P.

4. Chairperson's Remarks:

Chairperson John Moore advised the Board that he has learned through his
enquiries that Amanda Masterman did not return from Europe and, as such, is
no longer a student at Concordia University. He stated that Judicial Board
would be advised of this fourth vacancy for an Arts and Science director
for the by-elections next month.

Chairperson John Moore advised the Board that a letter would be distributed in the near future to all Directors regarding the tightening of procedures for Board meetings.

5. Reports:

a) Co-Presidents' Report:

Scott White reported that the Hiring and Appointments Committee would be starting interviews tomorrow for the External V.P. and Communications V.P. positions. Sitting on the Hiring and Appointments Committee are Scott White, Karen Takacs, Emma Tibaldo, Bettina Rosenberg and Maria Calderone. There have been five applicants for the Communications V.P. position and three for the External V.P. position.

Karen Takacs reported that the proposal for the Women's Centre has been written, however it is proceeding slowly because the Simone de Beauvoir Institute has expressed concern that the Women's Centre might take away from the objectives of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute.

Regarding the International Student Fees, Karen Takacs reported that the letter to the Vice-Rector, Services has been written as per the mandate given the Co-Presidents at the 54th Board Meeting. There has been no response received as yet. Scott White added that several refugee students had approached the Vice-Rector on their own initiative.

Karen Takacs advised the Board that she and Bettina Rosenberg had been to see CUSA's lawyer regarding the action against the Academic Materials Fee in Small Claims Court. If Bettina Rosenberg wins her case, this will set a precedent for all the other cases. Also, because cases at Small Claims Court cannot be appealed, it was important to have the advice of the lawyer to ensure they do it right the first time. The lawyer proposed another option: that the facts of the case be presented to a Superior Court judge who would make a decision and could use this decision to influence the other party (i.e. the University). The lawyer will advise how much it would cost to pursue this option.

Regarding the Publicity Campaign, Karen Takacs stated that the goal is a general assembly wherein students can decide to take action to express their concerns about the quality and accessibility of education. The next step in the campaign is to come up with a fact sheet to sensitize the university community about the issues. The general assembly is slated for October 22nd, which leaves some time to do some groundwork, especially in terms of soliciting support. Already CUFA and CUPFA have expressed interest in helping out. Karen Takacs stated that Francois Desrosiers had done much of the work to date, but urged Executives and Directors to help. Scott White stated that Linda Piovesan has also done a lot of the work and suggested that those wishing to become involved talk with her.

Karen Takacs reported that the Social Policy Committee of the Board of Governors has decided not to divest the University's funds from the Bank of Montreal. The Bank of Montreal gave favourable responses to the questions posed by the Social Policy Committee; and the Canadian Government regulations have been changed regarding the bank's involvement in South Africa making it illegal.

Scott White stated that the motion that he and Karen Takacs proposed at the last Board of Governors meeting regarding the deferral for one year of the imposition of the Academic Materials Fee was narrowly defeated (9-11).

Scott White reported that he met with the auditors at Arthur Anderson last week. The draft financial statements had been prepared and he proofread them. There were a number of errors, but it looks like the deficit for last year is \$110,000. At this point CUSA has more liabilities than assets. The final statements should be ready in two weeks.

Scott White stated that in a joint meeting with CUFA, CUPFA and the library union workers, agreement was reached on several points.

Scott White commented that he and Karen Takacs had met with the newly-appointed Director of Women's Athletics, Kathy McDonald. She confirmed the rumours than many have heard about the Athletics Department--that the Department "is a mess", that it is a male bastion, etc.

b) Executive Reports:

Finance V.P. Craig McNamee distributed samples of the Budget Package which had been sent to all the clubs and associations in August. He also sent a letter warning the clubs and associations that their students would have to pay for events if the event had not been cleared through FinCom in advance. This letter "worked" in that ten budgets were submitted as a result. Craig McNamee stated that "\$677,000 and change" had been received from the University--this also includes the fees collected for "The Link" and "the Concordian". This amount is lower than the quote given to Craig McNamee by the Registrar's office earlier in the year, and he is still waiting for an explanation.

Glen Cheverie asked Criag McNamee about AIESEC. Craig McNamee responded that he met with their executive earlier today. They still have to do a final budget. Craig McNamee stated that FinCom will be as fair as possible and will not penalize AIESEC for holding "Career Days" without the approval of FinCom. Craig McNamee advised the Board that all clubs and associations are aware that in regard to spending and revenue, FinCom will take money from elsewhere in their budgets to balance expected revenue when expectations are not met. Craig McNamee also stated that AIESEC has not been the only association to spend money without approval.

Student Life V.P. Susan Hunt stated that several candidates for CCSL (Concordia Council on Student Life) will be presented to the Board for ratification this evening if quorum is achieved. She also reported that the Committee for Non-Academic Awards met and are re-vamping the criteria for some of the awards.

(8:00)

c) Parliamentary Commission Update:

Karen Takacs reported that the presentation of CUSA's brief to the Parliamentary Commission was very successful due to the quality of the brief. She stated that Francois Desrosiers deserved a great round of applause for his efforts in this regard. She commented that everyone was pleased with the University's presentation as well. Glen Cheverie asked how much it cost CUSA to present the brief. Karen Takacs responded that

she would find out. Karen Takacs stated that the brief has been distributed to all Senators and the University Administration.

6. Question Period:

Linda Piovesan asked Cherine Hamam, Programming V.P., to give a report. Cherine Hamam stated that the Foreign Service Exam Seminar was going on at present and that registration for the mini-courses was underway. She reported that there has been good attendance figures for the videos (two per week) shown at the Campus Centre and at Reggie's. Regarding speakers, she stated that Dennis Goldberg, a former political prisoner in South Africa, would be speaking on October 16 at Concordia. Professor Geiger of the International Coalition of Physicians for Social Responsibility, would give a lecture on November 5th at McGill and CUSA has accepted to co-sponsor the event -CUSA will take care of publicity for the Concordia University student population (McGill will be providing the posters.).

(8:15)

Jon Jolivet asked about the status of Judicial Board. Alexander Ciocilteu responded that he has taken over since Frank Benson's departure. He stated that he and Graham Wall were the only remaining members of Judicial Board, and that they were in the process of nominating a third magistrate and hiring a Chief Returning Officer. He advised the Board that the by-elections are proceeding as set out at the 54th Meeting of the Board. He noted that there is a fourth vacancy for an Arts and Science Director.

Glen Cheverie stated that in a recent article in "The Link", Scott White was quoted as saying "I never heard of a student group not being ratified." Glen Cheverie commented that this makes the Board look like a rubber stamp. Scott White responded that the comment was taken out of context and what it should have included was "at the Board level", and he added that several groups have been stopped at the Liaison Committee level. Glen Cheverie stated that the present Liaison Committee would bring before the Board any group who had the right to be there. Scott White disagreed with this policy, stating that the Board has made mistakes ratifying groups at Board level because the Board does not have the time to research the background of the group and to ask pertinent questions, and further stated that this policy could turn the Board into a full-time group ratification board and not leave time to deal with other issues. Glen Cheverie stated that the Liaison Committee would give the Board detailed information beforehand so that questions can be prepared. He added that it is up to the Board not the Liaison Committee to decide who to ratify. Linda Piovesan asked how thorough the Liaison Committee is in questioning students who want to form clubs. Glen Cheverie invited the Directos to see the Liaison Committee for details.

(8:30) - QUORUM OBTAINED

1. Call to Order:

Chairperson John Moore called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Chairperson John Moore asked that the "Approval of the Minutes of the 52nd Meeting" be added as Item 3, and other Items move down a number. Susan

Hunt requested that the ratification of the appointments to CCSL be added as Item 7(c). Karen Takacs stated that she wished to address the "ANEQ Debate", now Item 7(d). Glen Cheverie asked that "Ratification of New Clubs", Item 7(e) be changed to "Liaison Committee Special Report". Karen Takacs asked to have an Item concerning the McGill Students' Society added as Item 7(f).

The Agenda was approved with these amendments.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 52nd Meeting:

Chairperson John Moore explained that because of a resignation tendered by a third party and later revoked, the 52nd Meeting did not have quorum although it was held under the illusion that there was quorum. However, the approval of the Minutes at this juncture would constitute ratification of the business, and would make it a legal meeting.

MOVE to approve the Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Board
of Directors.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Jon Jolivet

There were no objections to this Motion.

4. Chairperson's Remarks:

Chairperson John Moore stated that he had no additional comments to make at this time. He stated that, all reports having been given, and no further questions, the Board would proceed to the New Business portion of the Agenda.

7. New Business:

a) Cusacorp Budget:

MOTION 341.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approves
the Cusacorp Budget 1986-87.

Moved by: Scott White
Seconded by: Bettina Rosenberg

Discussion

Scott White stated that there were a number of changes in the budget since it was first presented in June, for example CUSA will be absorbing the cost of the audit and the cost of salaries for the Campus Centre gamesroom staff, etc. He wondered whether the budget could be adjusted to reflect these changes. Olga Gazdovic stated that the budget is based on the increased price to \$2.25 per beer in January. She stated that all the figures shown in the budget would have to be increased upward if the increase in the cost of beer is not approved.

Scott White stated that "Depreciation" should not be shown as an expense. Cusacorp comptroller, Barbara Mispelkamp, argued that "Depreciation" is shown to cover capital investment. Scott White maintained it was a misnomer and should be called "Miscellaneous Capital Expenditure". Craig McNamee felt that the \$6,000 allocated for "Miscellaneous Capital Expenditure" was quite a lot of money. Olga Gazdovic argued that the money was needed because the Campus Centre was an old building with old furniture. Craig McNamee questioned whether the \$2,400 allocated for "Miscellaneous Expense" was extra. Barbara Mispelkamp stated that this money was "for things that don't fit in elsewhere" and Lorne Severs added that it was a provision for things that may occur. Craig McNamee asked for a clarification of the following items: maintenance of equipment, physical plant, cleaning, supplies, insurance, space imputation.

(8:45)

Scott White asked how accurate the sales figures were, to which both Olga Gazdovic and Darrin Scanzano replied that the sales volume has been higher. Karen Takacs stated that the budget should correspond to real costs and not include buffer zones.

Glen Cheverie asked about the salaries for casual labour, whether the minimum wage increase had been taken into consideration. Olga Gazdovic stated that Cusacorp had budgetted an increase of 5% whereas the minimum wage increase represents an increase of 4%. Further discussion on salaries revealed that student managers are started at \$5.60/hour and increase to \$6.00/hour, cleaners earn \$9.25/hour. The administrative salaries were not discussed.

(9:15)

Karen Takacs stressed the importance of presenting a budget that reflects real expenses. Lorne Severs stated that Cusacorp was worried about a repeat of last year when money was not made readily available to Cusacorp. Karen Takacs stated that CUSA as an association has to consider what it is willing to put aside, and that Cusacorp can count on having that money as well as an opportunity to request more money should the need arise.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION 341:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approves the Cusacorp Budget 1986-87 with the following changes:

- 1) Eliminate \$7,000 Professional Fees
- 2) Eliminate \$7,112.64 Casual Salaries
- 3) Change \$2,500 Front Desk to (\$5,000)
- 4) Change \$1,500 Conferences to \$1,100
- 5) Add \$3,500 to Security
- 6) Change "Depreciation" to "Miscellaneous Capital Expenditure"
- 7) Total: \$47,881.44

Moved by: Scott Bergen
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

Discussion

Glen Cheverie asked in the event that there is an excess of money, would it be returned to CUSA. Olga Gazdovic responded in the affirmative.

MOVE to go in camera to discuss administrative salaries
of Cusacorp staff.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Glen Cheverie

VOTE:

DEFEATED

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

8/0/2 Carried

VOTE ON MOTION 341:

8/0/2 Carried

(9:35)

c) CCSL Appointments:

On behalf of Student Life V.P. Susan Hunt, Scott White introduced the nominees for CCSL (Concordia Council on Student Life). He stated that the Hiring and Appointments Committee had unanimously decided on these candidates: Susan Hunt, Scott White, Wynet Smith, Maxine Clark, Robert Douglas and Joey Shemtov. Each of the candidates, with the exceptions of Joey Shemtov and Susan Hunt who were not present, briefly presented themselves to the Board.

MOTION 342:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the
appointment of Susan Hunt to the Concordia Council
on Student Life.

Moved by: Linda Piovesan
Seconded by: Emma Tibaldo

VOTE ON MOTION 342:

UNANIMOUS

MOTION 343:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the
appointment of Scott White to the Concordia Council
on Student Life.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Scott Bergen

VOTE ON MOTION 343:

UNANIMOUS

MOTION 344:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the
appointment of Wynet Smith to the Concordia Council
on Student Life.

Moved by: Jon Jolivet
Seconded by: Emma Tibaldo

VOTE ON MOTION 344:

UNANIMOUS

MOTION 345:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the appointment of Maxine Clark to the Concordia Council on Student Life.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Scott Bergen

VOTE ON MOTION 345:

UNANIMOUS

MOTION 346:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the appointment of Robert Douglas to the Concordia Council on Student Life.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Scott Bergen

VOTE ON MOTION 346:

UNANIMOUS

MOTION 347:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the appointment of Joey Shemtov to the Concordia Council on Student Life.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Scott White

VOTE ON MOTION 347:

8/0/2 Carried

b) CUSA Budget:

Karen Takacs requested Directors to read over the budget documents in order that the CUSA Budget could be dealt with at the next Board meeting.

d) ANEQ Debate:

Karen Takacs stated that the ANEQ executives were not available this evening to answer questions. She stated that an ANEQ congress would be held in Ste-Therese this weekend and that a representative from CUSA should attend. If anyone is interested in attending the congress, s/he should speak with her.

e) Liaison Committee Special Report:

This Item was struck from the Agenda because of the length of the meeting.

f) McGill Students' Society:

MOTION 348:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA expresses its concern that the McGill Students' Society/McGill Association of University Teachers Brief submitted to the Parliamentary Commission on the Quebec University System, dated July 28, 1986 contains proposals detrimental to the principals of university accessibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CUSA urges the McGill Students' Society to reconsider its support for tuition increases as contained in their brief.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Scott Bergen

Discussion

Karen Takacs distributed BD-55-D1 concerning this Motion. She explained that if this Motion is carried, she will bring it to the Council Meeting at the McGill Students' Society tomorrow evening. She reported that one of the McGill Councillors has circulated a petition to have the McGill Students' Society remove its name from the brief prepared jointly with the McGill Association of University Teachers which will be presented to the Parliamentary Commission on October 14th. The tuition increase was included in the brief because the McGill Association of University Teachers wanted it, but it will make it look like the students are in favour of an increase if the McGill Students' Society name is not removed from the brief.

VOTE ON MOTION 348:

UNANIMOUS

8. Date of Next Meeting:

Chairperson John Moore announced that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday, October 22, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loyola Campus Centre.

9. Adjournment:

MOVE to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

Moved by: Glen Cheverie
Seconded by: Jim Locke

There were no objections to this Motion.


John Moore, Chairperson


Jo Howard, Recording Secretary